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Love is in the HEART

LOVE IS HARD TO SPOT SOMETIMES! IT CAN BE FIERY OR CALM, FLARE UP WITH THE SUDDENNESS OF A SUMMER THUNDERSTORM OR DEVELOP EASILY AND QUIETLY FROM CONSTANT CONTACT AND COMFORTABLE UNDERSTANDING! THAT'S WHY THE CHANCES OF MAKING TRAGIC MISTAKES ARE SO GREAT...

I'VE WAITED FOR YEARS JUST TO HOLD YOU THIS WAY, DARLING!

LET'S FORGET THOSE DEAD YEARS, SWEETHEART! THE FUTURE IS BEAUTIFUL, SO LET'S LOOK AHEAD!

THAT'S FINE-- NOW BREAK FOR LUNCH, EVERYBODY!

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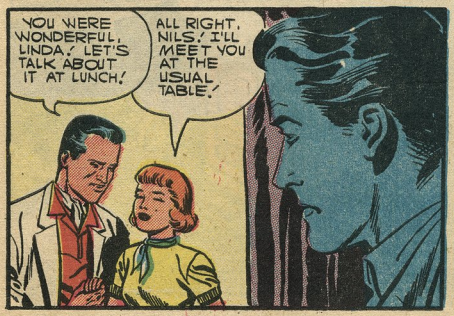
YOU WERE WONDERFUL, LINDA! LET'S TALK ABOUT IT AT LUNCH!

ALL RIGHT, NILS! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE USUAL TABLE!

HOW ABOUT LUNCH, HONEY?

I'M SORRY, FRED! NILS AND I HAVE TO GO OVER OUR LINES AGAIN!



MY CONSCIENCE BOTHERED ME ABOUT FRED...

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO GO OVER YOUR LINES? DOESN'T HE GET ENOUGH CHANCES TO PAW OVER YOU DURING REHEARSALS?

FRED! I WON'T BE TALKED TO THAT WAY! YOU KNOW IT'S JUST A PART IN THE PLAY! WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TOGETHER AFTER THIS IS OVER!

I'M NOT SO SURE IT'S JUST A PLAY FOR HIM! I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE HOLDS YOU AND KISSES YOU! IT'S ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO ME!

SO FRED HAS NOTICED IT TOO! NILS DOES MEAN HIS LOVEMAKING! IT ISN'T JUST PLAY ACTING!

IN SPITE OF MYSELF, MY HEART SANG WITH JOY...

I DON'T WANT TO ARGUE WITH YOU, FRED! YOU'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO EXCUSE ME!

IT'S WONDERFUL OF YOU TO SPEND SO MUCH TIME WITH ME, DEAR! I'M SO MUCH OLDER AND MORE TIRED THAN YOU ARE!

DON'T TALK THAT WAY, NILS! I NEED YOUR MATURITY TO HELP GUIDE ME!

LINDA, DEAR, I SHOULDN'T DO THIS -- BUT PLEASE HAVE DINNER WITH ME TONIGHT!

NILS! I WAS HOPING YOU'D ASK!

I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET HOME AND GET READY FOR NILS! BUT WHEN I DID...

I'M SORRY I BLEW A GASKET TODAY, HONEY -- BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN SUCH A LONG TIME!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, FRED! I'VE GOT TO RUN NOW! 'BYE!

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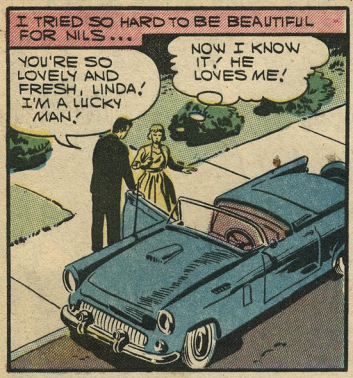

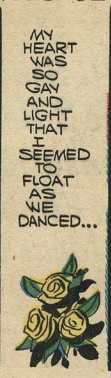

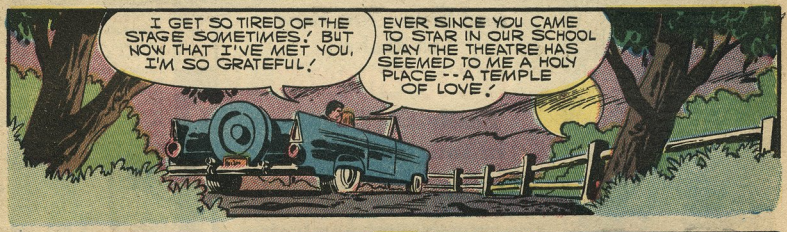

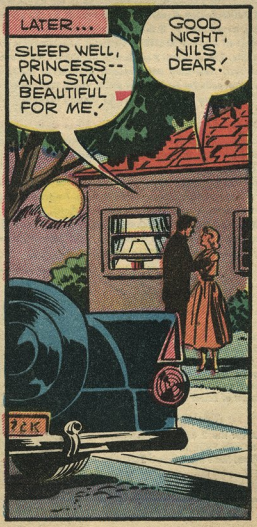

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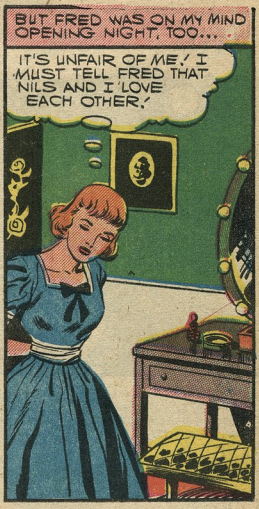
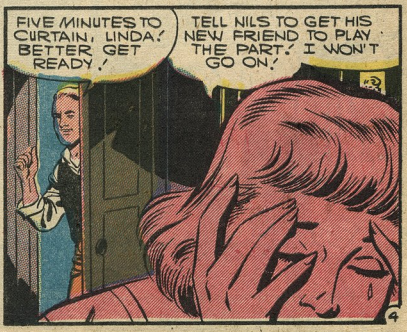
THE NEXT DAY...
LINDA! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!
SOME OTHER TIME, FRED! I'M LATE ALREADY!

THERE'S NEVER ANY OTHER TIME SINCE THAT HAM ACTOR WAS IMPORTED FOR THE PLAY! HOW WILL YOU FEEL AFTER HE'S GONE?
FRED! YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A SILLY CHILD! PLEASE LET ME GO!


BUT FRED WAS ON MY MIND OPENING NIGHT, TOO...
IT'S UNFAIR OF ME! I MUST TELL FRED THAT NILS AND I LOVE EACH OTHER!

THEN I WALKED PAST NILS' DRESSING ROOM...
OH, NO! NILS WITH ANOTHER WOMAN! AFTER ALL HE (SOB) SAID TO ME...

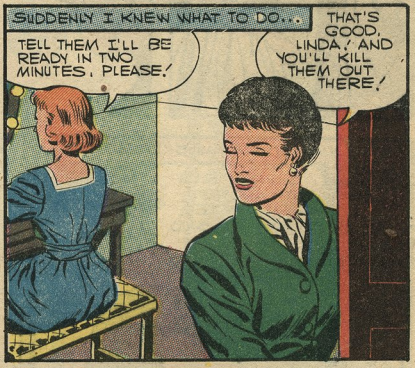
HE CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I WON'T STAND FOR IT! I WON'T GO ON!


FIVE MINUTES TO CURTAIN, LINDA! BETTER GET READY!
TELL NILS TO GET HIS NEW FRIEND TO PLAY THE PART! I WON'T GO ON!

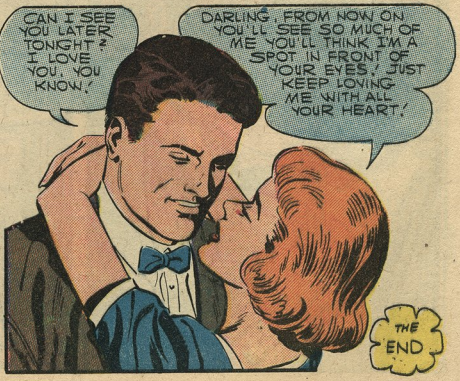
LINDA, DEAR! LET ME EXPLAIN!
GO AWAY! I UNDERSTAND TOO WELL!

YOU MUST LISTEN! I'M NILS' WIFE SO I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH! HE'S ALWAYS THIS WAY -- HE FEELS A NEED TO ENGAGE IN A HARMLESS FLIRTATION WITH EVERY GIRL WHO PLAYS OPPOSITE HIM! BUT HE ALWAYS COMES BACK TO ME!
HIS WIFE? I NEVER KNEW! OH, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

THERE'S NOTHING TO FORGIVE, DEAR! JUST FORGET HIM! PLAY THE PART TONIGHT AND TAKE BACK YOUR HEART! HE REALLY DOESN'T WANT IT!


SUDDENLY I KNEW WHAT TO DO...
TELL THEM I'LL BE READY IN TWO MINUTES, PLEASE!
THAT'S GOOD, LINDA! AND YOU'LL KILL THEM OUT THERE!

AS I STARTED FOR MY ENTRANCE...
GOOD LUCK, LINDA!
THAT'S NOT THE WAY TO WISH YOUR GIRL LUCK, FRED!


CAN I SEE YOU LATER TONIGHT? I LOVE YOU, YOU KNOW!
DARLING, FROM NOW ON YOU'LL SEE SO MUCH OF ME YOU'LL THINK I'M A SPOT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES! JUST KEEP LOVING ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART!
THE END

Glamor by Night

JUST CALL ME KIKI -- THE REST OF THE CUSTOMERS WHO COME TO THE CRYSTAL CLUB AREN'T SO FORMAL BUT THEY KNOW ME BY THAT NAME! PROFESSION: GLAMOR GIRL, HAIR, BLONDE -- REAL, TOO -- AND AGE, TWENTY-TWO! I'M ONE OF THE FAMOUS CRYSTAL GIRLS YOU READ ABOUT IN THE COLUMNS ALL THE TIME! AND HANK DELONG IS JUST ANOTHER NIGHT CLUB MUSICIAN WHO HAS DIMPLES ON HIS CHEEKS!

HANK IS PLAYING TO ME AGAIN! TOO BAD A NICE GUY LIKE HIM HAS TO BE IN A BUSINESS LIKE THIS! HE'S SWEET!

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AFTER THE SHOW, WE WERE EXPECTED TO EXUDE GLAMOR OUT FRONT WITH THE PAYING CUSTOMERS...

IT'S EASY, PROFESSOR! HERE COMES HANK--YOU'LL LIKE HIM! BUT RE-MEMBER, YOU'RE A WELL-HEELED WOLF AND I'M A NIGHT-CLUB NITWIT!
HI, KIKI! YOU LOOK DREAMY TONIGHT! MAY I JOIN YOU?

HANK, I WANT YOU TO MEET MR. BOYNTON!
COME TO SEE THE BIG CITY SIGHTS, MR. BOYNTON?
AHH, YES, I AM INTER-ESTED IN THE SOCIALOGICAL, I MEAN... THE GIRLS ARE CER-TAINLY VERY PRETTY!

I SUDDENLY HAVE A YEN FOR DANCING, KIKI! LET'S MAKE LIKE TOURISTS!
IT'LL BE IN WINCHEM'S COLUMN IN THE MORNING, BUT OKAY!

IT WAS FOR LAUGHS -- BUT I AL-MOST FORGOT THAT AS WE MOVED ACROSS THE FLOOR...

RELAX, HANK! DON'T BE SO SERIOUS... SMILE!
MY FACE SLIPPED, SUGAR!

IF DANCING AFFECTS YOU TWO THAT WAY, YOU'D BETTER CUT IT OUT!
I'M TIRED, I GUESS, MR. BOYNTON! WANT TO BUY ME A HAMBURGER?

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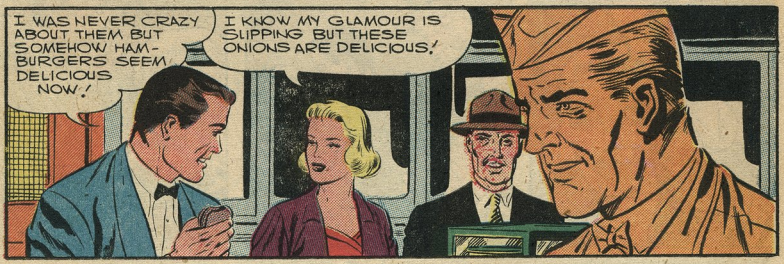
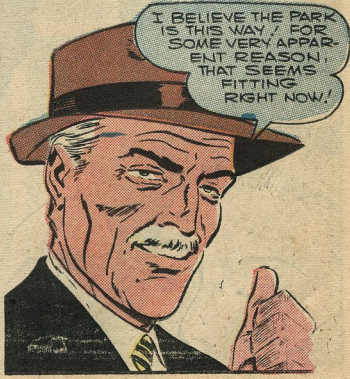


IT WAS CRAZY... INSANE! BUT I FINALLY LET MYSELF FACE THE FACT THAT I'D LOVED HANK A LONG TIME! IT WAS SAFE NOW THAT HANK WAS GOING AWAY FOR GOOD...



I KNEW THE PROFESSOR WAS STUDYING US-- I FELT LIKE A MICROBE ON ONE OF HIS SLIDES IN THE LABORATORY...

"I TURNED, BLAZING WITH ANGER, NOT AT HANK SO MUCH-- BUT AT MY-SELF FOR GET-TING INVOLVED WITH HIM...
KATHERINE, STOP BEING AN IDIOT! HANK, YOU COME BACK HERE!
HANK, WHAT IS YOUR REAL OCCUPATION? WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?
I'M A CHEMIST! I HAVE A JOB COMING UP WITH AN OIL OUT-FIT! THIS JOB WAS SORT OF MY LAST KICK BEFORE I WENT BACK TO THE TEST TUBES!
MISS LANE WILL RECEIVE HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY IN TEN DAYS! BOTH OF YOU ARE FAKES!
THEN I WAS IN HANK'S ARMS ONCE MORE... AND I REALIZED THAT EVEN IF HE WERE A TRUM-PETER ALL HIS LIFE, HE'D BE THE MAN FOR ME...
WELL, THAT'S SETTLED! I MUST FINISH MY NOTES!
...and in accordance with the laws of natural selection, these two young people found each other despite their plans which forbid it! Conclusion: The human race will undoubtedly survive—!
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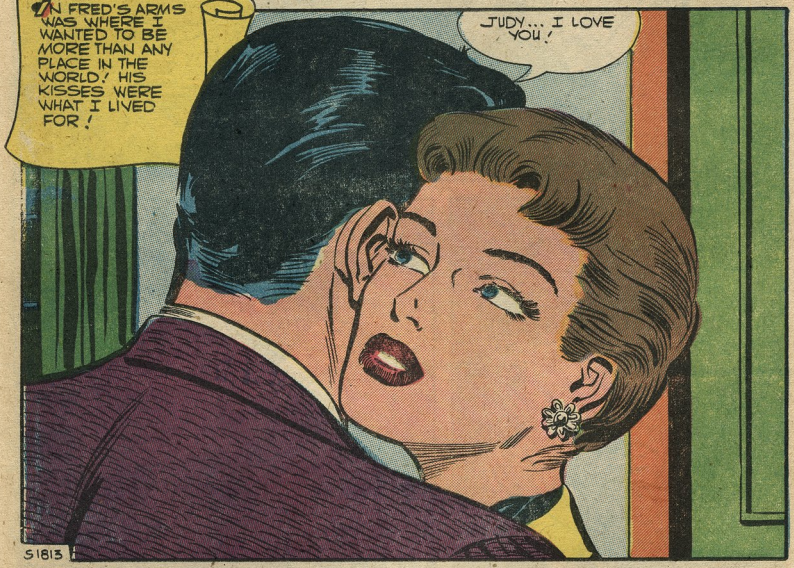
My Only Career



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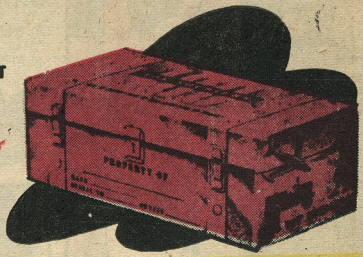

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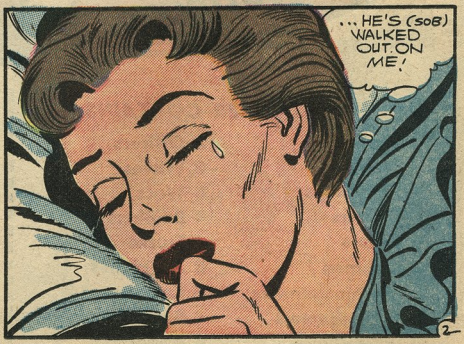
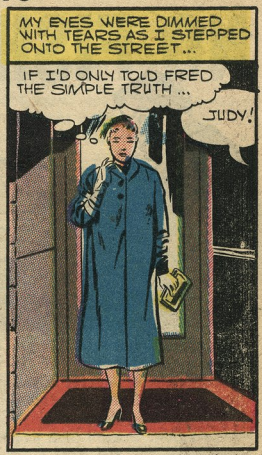
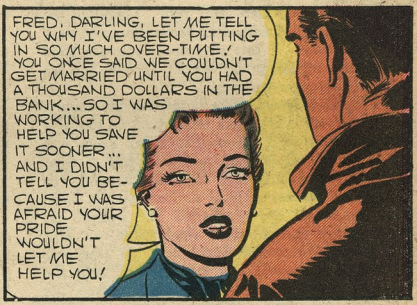


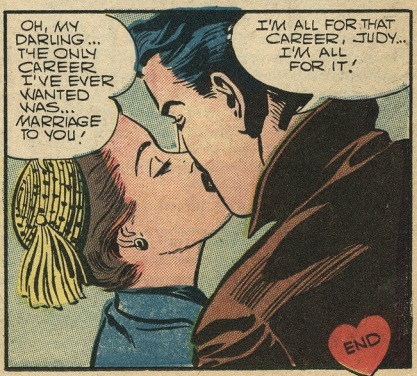
DAY FOLLOWED DAY IN A WHIRLWIND OF WORK... INTERMINABLE DAYS THAT WERE STRETCHED OUT EVEN LONGER BY HEART-ACHE...
FRED HASN'T EVEN CALLED! HE DOESN'T LOVE ME ANY MORE... I'LL NEVER HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN!

THEN ONE FRIDAY NIGHT...
HERE'S YOUR PAY ENVELOPE, JUDY! IT'S A FAT ONE! WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ALL THIS MONEY?
IT'S A FAT ONE... BUT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO USE IT AS I DREAMED I WOULD!

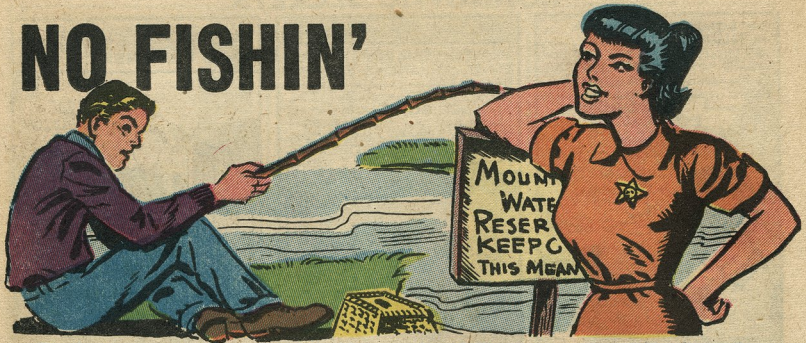

MY EYES WERE DIMMED WITH TEARS AS I STEPPED ONTO THE STREET...
IF I'D ONLY TOLD FRED THE SIMPLE TRUTH...
JUDY!

FRED!!
I - I TRIED TO STAY ANGRY AT YOU, JUDY-- BUT I COULDN'T-- I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH!


FRED, DARLING, LET ME TELL YOU WHY I'VE BEEN PUTTING IN SO MUCH OVER-TIME. YOU ONCE SAID WE COULDN'T GET MARRIED UNTIL YOU HAD A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE BANK... SO I WAS WORKING TO HELP YOU SAVE IT SOONER... AND I DIDN'T TELL YOU BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID YOUR PRIDE WOULDN'T LET ME HELP YOU!


OH, MY DARLING... THE ONLY CAREER I'VE EVER WANTED WAS... MARRIAGE TO YOU!
I'M ALL FOR THAT CAREER, JUDY... I'M ALL FOR IT!
END

NO FISHIN'



For about ten minutes, Henry Cassidy had been following the movements of the stranger at the edge of the reservoir. He removed the binoculars from his eyes and spoke to his daughter, Frances.

"I think I'll go down to the reservoir and check on the fellow. Doesn't look like Mike Burgess or Hank Rees."

"You just stay here and rest," suggested the young smiling girl with dark brown hair and light pale blue eyes. "I sort of suspect you are tired from yesterday's hike to town. I'll go over and see what the stranger is doing."

Henry Cassidy was state ranger for the county. His home was a five room house built on top of a hundred foot steel tower. His living room was made out of sheet glass and gave him a clear view of the country side for miles around. His daughter, Frances, acted as housekeeper. In addition she was a deputy sheriff. She walked out to the porch and entered a small cable car. This took her down to the road where her jeep was parked. She drove for a few minutes until she reached the main road. Then she parked the car and stopped before a gate. The area was protected by a large wire fence. A sign read: "Moundridge Water Reservoir. Keep Out. This Means YOU." She opened the lock with her key and went inside the area. Then she went downhill slowly until she came to the water's edge. A young man wearing a dark brown shirt and trousers to match was seated on a camp chair. His fishing rod was next to him.

"Hello," she greeted with a cheerfulness in her voice.

The young man quickly turned around with a startled look on his face.

"Didn't hear you coming at all," he admitted. "You must be wearing some kind of special noiseless shoes. I do have keen ears. At least I am glad you aren't a big bear or lion."

"No bears or lions in this state," pointed out the girl. "I want to see your fishing license."

The young man had observed the silver badge that the pretty girl was wearing.

"A female deputy sheriff," he said as he handed her his fishing license which he took from his wallet.

"Martin Perseman. Resident of the State, but not of the county. I see you live in the Big City."

"Any crime against living in the Big City?" asked the young man. "You know my name. What's yours?"

"Frances Cassidy," answered the smiling girl. "This reservoir is closed to all people in the state and county except actual residents of the Moundridge area. And since you don't live here, then you can't fish here."

"Are you going to arrest me?" he challenged with mock fright in his voice.

"Oh, no," was the quick response. "Go ahead and finish your fishing. But you can't come back again. Catch many fish?"

In answer to that last question, the young man bent down and pulled in his chain fish holder.

"Three bass. All legal size. And four sunnies. Never saw sunnies so big. This reservoir is a paradise for fishing. I really would like to fish here for the rest of the season. Think I'll look around and rent a small shack. That will make me a legal resident of the Moundridge area."

"If you want to do any renting, you better see Phillips the real estate man. Turn left on Highway 22. He always has several homes to rent."

The two continued talking for some time and then Frances glanced at her wrist watch.

"I have to hurry home," she told Martin Perseman. "I must relieve dad. He has a lot of letters to answer. Sportsmen write him for advice."

Frances returned and told her father about the young man. At supper the phone rang and her

father answered it.

"Tom Phillips wants to come over. Has a friend he wants to introduce to you."

Frances was about to reply in the negative when she changed her mind and told her father it would be o.k. Half an hour later there was a buzz on the signal bell. That meant she should send the small cable car down. This she did and soon she faced two men. The older one was the real estate man. The younger man was Martin Perseman.

"Told me how you two met," began Tom Phillips. "Wanted to meet you and your dad the regular way. So I brought him here. I knew his dad for many years."

When Martin Perseman left that evening, he had a date to return the next morning at ten. He was prompt and Frances teased him.

"Even though you are staying with Tom Phillips, you can't fish in the reservoir. So don't ask me for permission. However you can rent a boat at Lake Katchewon and fish there. I'll show you the place."

Lake Katchewon was three miles from the Moundridge Reservoir. Frances took him out in a rowboat and watched him fish. It was so nice and peaceful. They returned at noon to the small boat house and Pop Garruters fixed up a bite for the two of them.

"How many fish did you catch?" asked Pop.

"Not one," admitted Martin Perseman.

"Either you weren't using the right bait or you weren't wide awake when the fish tackled your hooks," scolded the veteran fisherman. "I have been here for almost forty years. There are fish in this water."

In the afternoon they went back in the boat again. One thing was evident. Martin Perseman was interested in something else rather than the famous sport of fresh water fishing.

"I would like to see you tomorrow, day after and day after the day after," he told Frances.

"I am busy tomorrow," she replied. "Must make out some official reports. But the day after is yours."

For the next three weeks the two went out together. It was evident to Henry Cassidy that his daughter and Martin were deeply in love with each other.

"I really spotted him first," he laughed to Tom Phillips. "He's a real nice fellow."

At that very moment the two young happy people were seated on two comfortable beach chairs set up by Pop Garruters on his fishing pier. They were holding hands.

"It is so peaceful here," said Martin Perseman. "I just feel I never want to leave this area."

"Does that mean you will have to leave it soon?" asked Frances with a slight falter in her voice.

Martin Perseman arose from his chair and Frances did the same. They were facing each other. Then instinctively they were in each others arms. Their lips met in their first kiss.

"This is for keeps," Martin Perseman said. "You will have to change your name from Cassidy to Perseman."

"I think we better tell that to dad," suggested a very happy young girl.

The two returned to Frances' home and Tom Phillips was there playing a game of checkers with her father. Frances told him the news.

"I congratulate you two young folks," he told them. "But there is one thing I want to get straight, young man. I hope you aren't marrying my daughter so you can fish in the Moundridge Water Reservoir. Only because you are in love with her."

"Only because I am in love with her," snapped back Martin Perseman.

"And let us get one thing straight. Any time I want to fish in that reservoir, I am the only person not a resident in the Moundridge area who can do it legally."

Frances Cassidy looked carefully at the man who would soon be her husband, and hesitated about asking him why he had made that statement. It definitely was a challenge. She said nothing and a few minutes there was silence. But Tom Phillips knew the cue.

"Why can you fish there?" he asked to a question of which he already knew the correct reply.

"Because I happen to own the Moundridge Water Company," grinned the young man.

Frances was in his arms and she had only one thing to say before he kissed her.

"Don't be such a tease. I knew who you were all the time. There's a clipping about you, with your picture in my desk. I'm marrying you for you, and not for your water company."

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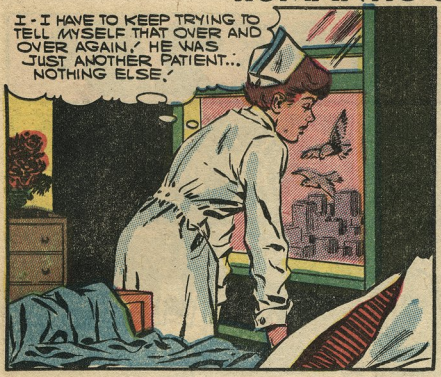
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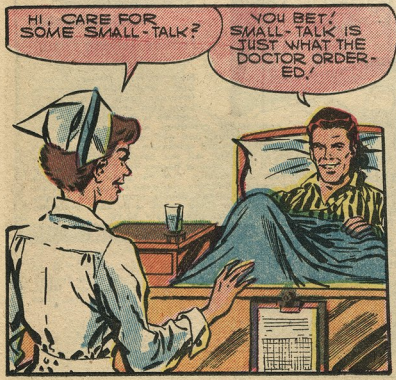
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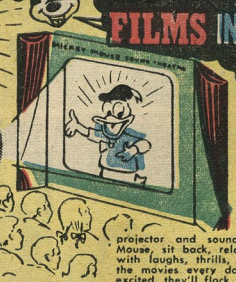

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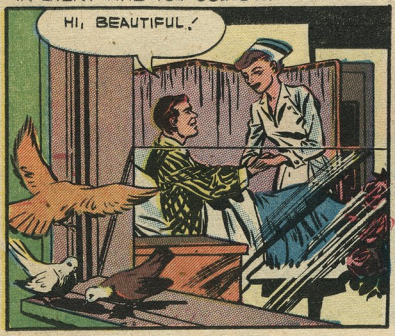

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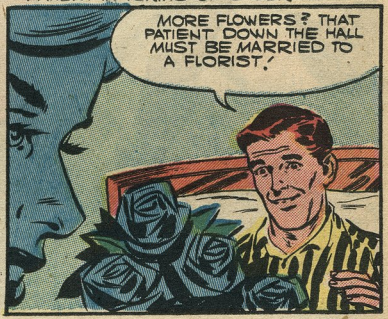

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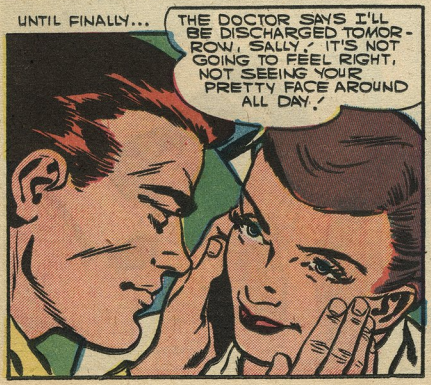

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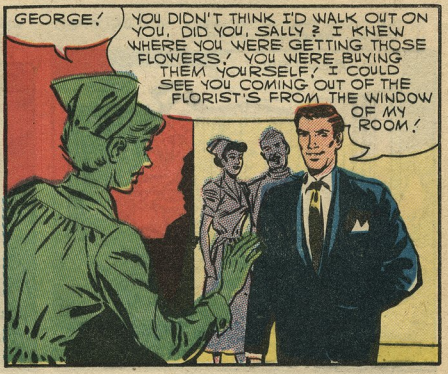

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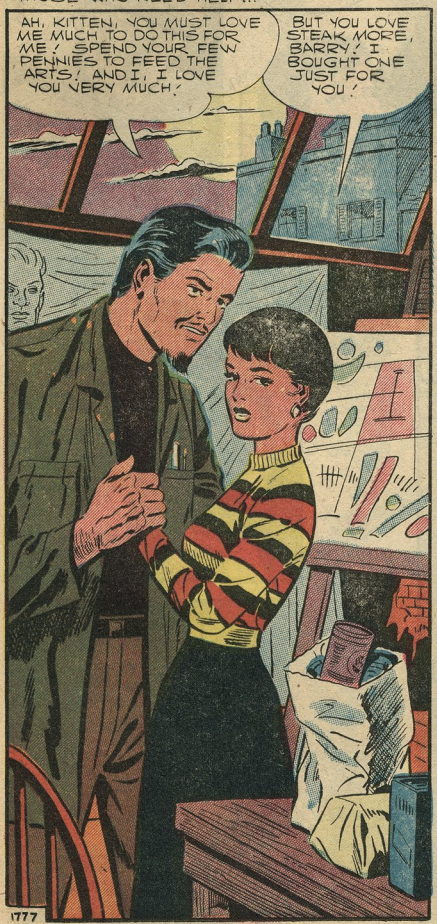
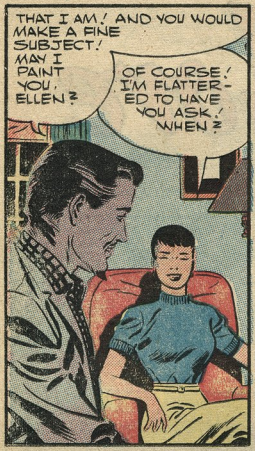
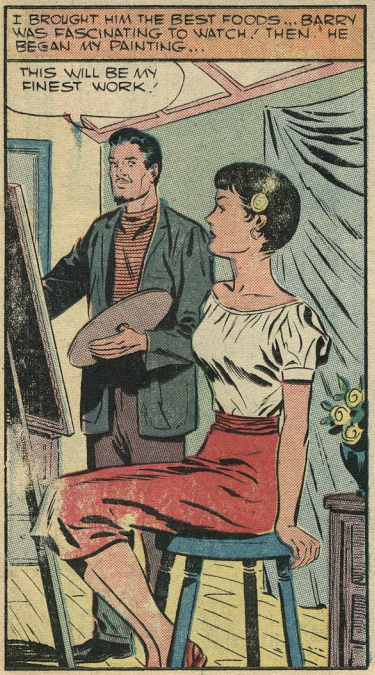
A Talent for Love

I CAME TO NEW YORK, FRESH FROM ART SCHOOL, DETERMINED TO BECOME RICH AND FAMOUS! BUT I SOON LEARNED THAT I HAD LITTLE TALENT FOR PAINTING... BUT A GREAT TALENT FOR LOVE! THE KIND OF LOVE THAT SHELTERS AND PROTECTS THOSE WHO NEED HELP...

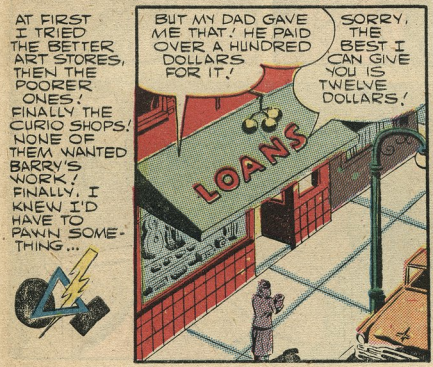






THE PAINTING TOOK AGES... AND BARRY HAD A HUGE APPETITE! HE LIKED TINNED CAVIAR AND EXOTIC DISHES TOO...

I WAS TIRED, DISCOURAGED. THEN BARRY'S DEEP VOICE RE-ASSURED ME, HIS ARMS SUPPORTED ME! IT WAS LOVE, I THOUGHT...



HE WAS SO KIND AND SYMPATHETIC! IT WAS A RELIEF TO TALK WITH SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T HATE PEOPLE THE WAY BARRY DID...

I FOUND MYSELF TELLING SAM ABOUT BARRY...

...SO THINGS ARE TOUGH RIGHT NOW! BUT I KNOW HE'LL MAKE GOOD!

OF COURSE HE WILL! MEANWHILE, HAVE DINNER WITH ME LATER THIS WEEK! PERHAPS YOU CAN SHOW ME ANOTHER OF BARRY'S PAINTINGS THEN!

IT'S NICE OF YOU TO LOOK AFTER THIS ARTIST FELLOW BUT YOU NEED A LITTLE LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF!

OH, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF! SEE YOU HERE THURSDAY NIGHT!

I BOUGHT SOME GROCERIES WITH SOME OF YOUR MONEY! IS IT ALL RIGHT, BARRY?

OF COURSE! HURRY AND EAT! I JUST REMEMBERED I MUST GO SOMEWHERE!

I WATCHED BARRY FROM MY WINDOW! STRANGELY ENOUGH, I DIDN'T MIND SO MUCH WHEN I LEARNED WHERE HE HAD TO GO...

BARRY WILL SUCCEED--AND WHEN HE DOES, HE'LL REALIZE HOW MUCH I HELPED HIM! MR. AINSLEY LIKES HIS WORK, I'M SURE!

I SAW SAM THAT WEEK! HE BOUGHT ANOTHER PAINTING! THE NEXT WEEK, BARRY GOT A CHECK FROM HOME SO I DIDN'T SHOW SAM ANY PAINTINGS...

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AND TALK ABOUT SOMETHING BESIDES ART, ELLEN!

I THINK SO TOO! I FEEL RELAXED WHEN I'M WITH YOU!

I HATED HIM! HE'D AROUSED FEELINGS I DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED! I HURRIED BACK TO BARRY, SEEKING RE-ASSURANCE...

SAM TOOK OVER THE DETAILS, PAID FOR THE EMPTY STORE, THE ADS IN THE PAPER! AND HE WAS IMPERSONAL ABOUT IT ALL...

WELL, BARRY'S GOT WHAT HE WANTS! HAVE YOU, ELLEN?

I WILL HAVE! AND WHAT I WANT IS TO BE FREE OF MEN--ALL MEN!

THIS IS A LOVELY THING! I'LL BUY IT! IT WILL LOOK BEAUTIFUL IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM!

BARRY'S IN HIS GLORY! I GUESS I CAN FADE OUT OF THE PICTURE NOW!

I WAS A FOOL BUT I WOKE UP IN TIME! BARRY WILL GET A FEW COMMISSIONS FROM WOMEN AND BE A SUCCESS!

JUST A MINUTE, ELLEN! YOU CAN'T RUN OUT ON ME LIKE THIS!

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I UNDERSTAND, SAM--AND I LOVE YOU TOO! SO MUCH, DARLING!

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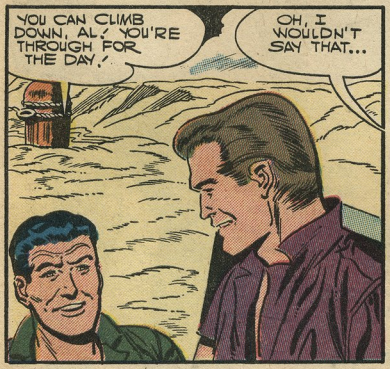
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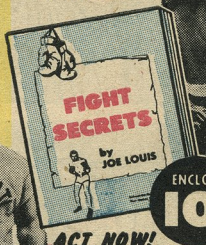

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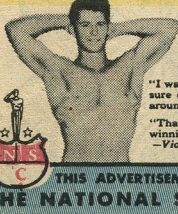

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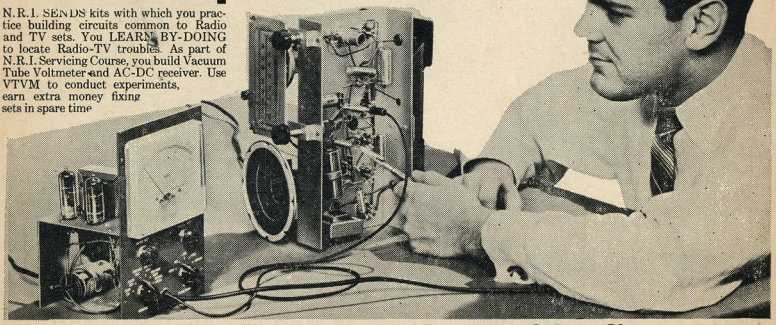

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